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FERRULE AND FORMING MOLD USED IN THE

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SIR:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to advise the undersigned of the approximate date a first Official Action will be issued in this Application.

A duplicate of this request is enclosed for your convenience.

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